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1. Officers identified in the Hindenburg Kaserne, Stendal (M 53/Y 85), at the end of June 1951, included Colonel Panshenko (fnu), commanding officer of the motorized rifle regiment; Major Kisliuya (fnu), battalion commander in the same regiment; and Major Zertov (fnu), commanding officer of the signal battalion. An AT artillery unit with four 76.2-mm guns and vehicles, including [REDACTED] entered the barracks installation on 28 June. [REDACTED] 25X1B
2. Two SU-76 SF guns, one towing the other, moved into the Taubentzien Kaserne on 26 June. A motor vehicle observed there had the number [REDACTED] 25X1B
3. Four rocket launchers were driven from the direction of Stendal toward Borstel airfield and emplaced there on 29 June. Four more rocket launchers were seen in front of the hangars. A German craftsman said that artillery troops were stationed at the airfield. Seven artillery majors were seen in a near-by inn. (3)
4. Six 76.2-mm AT guns were observed at Borstel airfield on 30 June. Eight trucks, including [REDACTED] and others with numbers of the B 6-78-xx series were repaired in front of the hangars by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia under the supervision of six officers. A German craftsman who worked at the airfield temporarily stated that one of the hangars sheltered 12 rocket launchers. However, [REDACTED] these weapons. Vehicles observed at the airfield were numbered [REDACTED] 25X1B
5. Prior to 1 July, three buildings of the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 500 troops while all other buildings were vacant. Five platoons of about 30 men each left the installation for the target range on 27 June. At the same time, about 200 troops received field training in the drill area west of the installation. Six trucks, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] each carrying about 20 signal troops, left the installation on 28 June. Other vehicles observed in the billeting area [REDACTED]

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6. On 28 June, the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne quartered only about 200 troops. Sentries wore tank insignia. No training activity

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7. Until 29 June, the troops from the Tauenzien Kaserne were still in their quarters. Gate guards wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 23 and 29 June, platoons of about 36 men each were repeatedly seen marching out to the training area on Arnimer Damm. Trucks observed at the installation were numbered

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8. that the artillery unit stationed at Borstel airfield was still away from the post. 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marching from the Flugplatz Kaserne to the ammunition depot on 1 July. At the same time a convoy of trucks

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loaded with ammunition boxes, arrived from the direction of Stendal. No training activity was noticed.

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(1) The officers are reported for the first time. There are no indications which of the division's motorized rifle regiments are stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne. The truck convoy of signal troopers mentioned in paragraph 5 probably belongs to the signal battalion which, according to paragraph 1, is stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Since the trucks of the convoy had numbers of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, the report confirms the unidentified signal battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, which is carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne, until 28 June 1951. Another the installation to have quartered about 1,500 troops on 10 June 1951.

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Since components of the division have been rotating to Letzling Heath for field training, it is possible that troops from the barracks installation may have gone to the troop training grounds during the period intervening.

(2) The information indicates no essential change regarding the occupation of the Tauenzien Kaserne over the last

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(3) The information on rocket launchers in paragraphs 4 and 8 confirms eight rocket launchers.

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The rocket launcher unit there is probably subordinate to the LXXX Mtz Rifle Corps because a motorized rifle division no longer has organic rocket launcher components. The maximum number of rocket launchers observed at the airfield, which is 12 as stated in the present report, is suggestive of a rocket launcher battalion organized into three batteries. This, however, does not clarify the issue whether the rocket launcher unit of the motorized rifle corps is a battalion or a regiment. The observation of AT guns indicates the possibility that the unidentified AT artillery battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div may also be stationed at the airfield.

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- (4) The estimate that about 200 troops are at the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne may be correct, but it is believed that substantially more troops are quartered there, because the units carried in the installation include the unidentified tank regiment, possibly the 16th Gds, and headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps in addition to the Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div. [REDACTED] that the installation quartered 2,000 troops on 5 May 1951. During the intervening period, some of these troops were observed to have left for field training while other troops were seen returning to the installation.
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